

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag comprising:

an interior compartment sized to hold a portable computing device therein, said portable computing device being of size on the order of at least one of a laptop or a notebook computing device;

a top including an opening providing access to said interior compartment;

a bottom opposite said top; and

an exterior surface coupling said top and bottom, said exterior surface presenting in cross section of said computer bag a substantially ~~figure-eight shape~~ hourglass shape having a ~~first-loop~~ first lobe and a ~~second-loop~~ second lobe, said ~~first-loop~~ first lobe including said top, said ~~second-loop~~ second lobe including said bottom, said ~~first-loop~~ first lobe being smaller than said ~~second-loop~~ second lobe.

2. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 1 wherein a distance between a widest portion of said ~~second-loop~~ second lobe and said top corresponds to a lumbar height, said lumbar height corresponding to a vertical distance between a user lumbar region and a surface upon which said user sits.

3. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 1 wherein a front-to-back dimension of said ~~first-loop~~ first lobe is less than a front-to-back dimension of said ~~second-loop~~ second lobe.

4. (Original) A portable computer bag according to claim 1 further comprising at least one of a handle and strap, said at least one of said handle and strap being attached to said exterior surface.

5. (Original) A portable computer bag according to claim 1 further comprising a flap removably positionable relative to said opening.

6. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 1 further comprising a resilient structure maintaining said ~~figure-eight shape~~hourglass shape of said exterior surface.

5 7. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 6 wherein said resilient structure is of sufficient resiliency to maintain generally said ~~figure-eight shape~~hourglass shape when used as a lumbar support between a user lumbar region and a seat back.

8. (Original) A portable computer bag according to claim 6 wherein said resilient
10 structure comprises:

 a first portion and a second portion, said first portion having a front-to-back thickness less than a front-to-back thickness of said second portion;

 an exterior material surrounds said resilient structure; and

 padding lies between said exterior material and said resilient structure.

15 9. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 6 wherein said resilient structure is of sufficient resiliency to maintain generally said ~~figure-eight shape~~hourglass shape when used as a lumbar support between a user lumbar region and a seat back.

20 10. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag comprising:

 an interior compartment;

 a top including an opening providing access to said interior compartment;

 a bottom opposite said top; and

 an exterior surface coupling said top and bottom, said exterior surface presenting in cross
25 section of said computer bag a substantially ~~figure-eight shape~~hourglass shape having a ~~first-loop~~first lobe and a ~~second-loop~~second lobe, said ~~first-loop~~first lobe including said top, said ~~second-loop~~second lobe including said bottom, said ~~first-loop~~first lobe being smaller than said ~~second-loop~~second lobe.

11. (Original) A portable computer bag according to claim 10 wherein said interior compartment is sized to hold a portable computing device therein, said portable computing device being of size on the order of at least one of a laptop and a notebook computing device.

5 12. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 10 wherein said exterior surface makes continuous transition from said ~~first-loop~~first lobe to said ~~second-loop~~second lobe from said top through said bottom.

10 13. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 10 wherein said ~~first-loop~~first lobe is smaller in cross-sectional area than that of said ~~second-loop~~second lobe.

15 14. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 10 wherein a line from said top to said bottom divides a cross-sectional area of each of said ~~first-loop~~first lobe and said ~~second-loop~~second lobe, said ~~first-loop~~first lobe extending a first distance generally parallel to a front-to-back dimension and away from said line, said ~~second-loop~~second lobe extending a second distance generally parallel to said front-to-back dimension and away from said line, said first distance being less than said second distance.

20 15. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 14 wherein said line generally bi-sects said cross-sectional area of said ~~first-loop~~first lobe and said ~~second-loop~~second lobe.

25 16. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 10 further comprising a resilient structure maintaining said ~~figure-eight-shape~~hourglass shape of said exterior surface.

 17. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 16 wherein said resilient structure is of sufficient resiliency to maintain generally said ~~figure-eight-shape~~hourglass shape when used as a lumbar support between a user lumbar region and a seat back.

18. (Original) A portable computer bag according to claim 16 wherein said resilient structure comprises:

a first portion and a second portion, said first portion having a front-to-back thickness less than a front-to-back thickness of said second portion;
an exterior material surrounds said resilient structure; and
padding lies between said exterior material and said resilient structure.

19. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag comprising:

structural means forming in cross section a ~~figure-eight shape~~hourglass shape, said ~~figure-eight shape~~hourglass shape having a ~~first loop~~first lobe and a ~~second loop~~second lobe, said structural means establishing therein an interior compartment; and

padding means surrounding said structural means, said padding means providing an external surface generally following said ~~figure-eight shape~~hourglass shape.

20. (Original) A portable computer bag according to claim 19 wherein said interior compartment is sized to hold a portable computing device therein, said portable computing device being of size on the order of at least one of a laptop and a notebook computing device.

21. (Currently Amended) A portable computer bag according to claim 19 wherein said exterior surface presents in cross section a ~~first loop~~first lobe and a ~~second loop~~second lobe, said ~~first loop~~first lobe being smaller than said ~~second loop~~second lobe.

Claims 22-25 (Withdrawn)

26. (Original) A portable computing device travel bag comprising:

a molded resilient structure, said structure including a first portion and a second portion, said first portion having a front-to-back thickness less than a front-to-back thickness of said second portion;

an exterior surface material surrounding said molded resilient structure; and
padding between said exterior surface material and said molded resilient structure.

5 27. (Currently Amended) A travel bag according to claim 2627 further comprising at
least one of a handle and strap, said at least one of said handle and strap being attached to said
exterior surface material.

10 28. (Currently Amended) A travel bag according to claim 2627 wherein said molded
resilient structure, said exterior surface material, and said padding share an opening allowing
access to an interior of said molded resilient structure.

15 29. (Currently Amended) A travel bag according to claim 2627 wherein said molded
resilient structure defines an interior of said bag, said interior being suitable in size to
accommodate a portable computing device.